

ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS COSTA BLANCA SOUTH

Interpretation of the Association's Registered Articles / Regulations

ARTICLE 1. NAME OF ASSOCIATION

ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS COSTA BLANCA SOUTH (*hereinafter called ARPO*)

ARTICLE 2. THE RIGHT OF ARPO

ARPO has the right to manage and arrange its own activities

ARTICLE 3. ADDRESS OF ARPO

Permanent Address: C/Monaco, 2 No. 44 Urb La Marina de San Fulgencio, Alicante
Area Covered: Valencian Community

ARTICLE 4. DECLARATION OF THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

ARPO Objectives

The Purpose of ARPO is to provide facilities for members to meet at regular intervals to further social activities and offer support for its members living or visiting the Torrevieja area. Serving police officers who are perhaps considering locating to the Costa Blanca in the future are also welcome to attend our meetings and social events.

ARTICLE 5. ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

ARPO meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Sacko's Bar, El Limonar, Torrevieja at 10.30am. Details of the location and directions are shown on the ARPO website. There are no meetings in July and August. Any change of venue will be advised via the ARPO website and the Newsletter.

ARPO - Costa Blanca Newsletter

ARPO aim to issue a monthly newsletter to keep members posted on current events affecting retired police officers.

Social Events

ARPO organises monthly events consisting of meals at local restaurants where members can socialise. These consist of formal and informal gatherings with suitable dress. A wide selection of establishments are chosen to provide a varied menu but usually there is a choice to suit all tastes. Formal events are held two or three times each year to mark special occasions, such as Christmas, when a more expensive menu is chosen.

Other social events take place including coach trips, mini golf, boules matches, etc

ARTICLE 6. MEMBERSHIP

The constitution of ARPO consists of an elected Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The ARPO financial year runs from 1 February annually and membership is open to any retired police officers and their spouses/partners, widows and widowers or any ex worker of any National Police Service. Membership is currently €15 per year for couples and €10 per single member. Annual subscriptions cover membership from 1 February - 31 January and payments should be made **by the first meeting in March or as soon as possible thereafter**.

ARTICLE 7. MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS

- a) Members must be fully paid-up (as at 31 January) for the preceding year to vote in the following annual AGM in February. Members must also be fully paid-up to be able to vote for proposals within monthly meetings.
- b) Members to be able to participate at monthly meetings as well as being informed of the Committee's stewardship and ARPO's financial accountability.
- c) Members to be given the opportunity to raise any items for discussion and kept informed of decisions taken by ARPO.
- d) Providing there is 10% of membership in agreement, appeals can be made against any outcome that might have been made not following the Regulations. This would normally take the form of an EGM (Extraordinary General Meeting).
(See separate notes for running an AGM/EGM).

ARTICLE 8. MEMBERS' OBLIGATIONS

- a) To share the same basic objectives of ARPO and work together to achieve same (see Regulation 4 above).
- b) To pay subscriptions as set at the AGM each year.
- c) To encompass agreements reached for ARPO by democratic vote or as directed by the Committee.
- d) Abide by the ARPO Regulations.

ARTICLE 9. CAUSES TO CANCEL A MEMBERSHIP

- a) A Member can resign from ARPO at any time by giving written notice (email, text message, letter etc) to the Committee.
- b) Membership will be cancelled for non-payment of subscriptions after ONE year.

ARTICLE 10. SANCTIONS

A Member will have a sanction imposed when he/she undertakes acts that can damage ARPO. It will be assumed that these kinds of acts are taking place when:

- a) the Member prevents or obstructs **on purpose** the objectives of ARPO
- b) when such obstruction prevents the normal working of the elected Committee

ARTICLE 11. MONTHLY MEETINGS (GENERAL ASSEMBLY)

The meetings of the ARPO Members will take place once a month (*as described in ARTICLE 5*).

The Secretary will record the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting in total and at the commencement of each Meeting will read the previous month's Minutes, to be voted and seconded by the Membership as a true record.

ARTICLE 12. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

An AGM of ARPO will be held once every year in February.

An EGM can be called at any other time if necessary as described in **ARTICLE 7 d)**

ARTICLE 13. PROCEDURE FOR CALLING AN AGM / EGM

Please see **APPENDIX 1**.

If voting takes place, the incumbent Committee will 'stand down' at the AGM and the Vice Chairman will chair the meeting until the result of the voting is known, when the elected officer(s) will immediately take their place(s). Similarly, the Assistant Secretary will stand in if there is voting for a Secretary.

The Secretary will record the Minutes of the AGM/EGM in total and at the commencement of the AGM will read the previous year's Minutes, to be voted and seconded by the Membership as a true record.

ARTICLE 14. VALIDITY FOR HOLDING AN AGM/EGM

There must be at least one third of Members, or their representatives, in attendance for the AGM/EGM to go ahead.

At the meetings, each Member (or their representative) has one vote to:

- a) examine, pass or reject the annual accountancy of income and expenditure as well as activities by the Committee that have taken place.
- b) reconfirm the current Rules by which ARPO abides.
- c) adhere to a democratic ARPO.
- d) approve the Membership Fees, if applicable.
- e) Vote (or re-elect) the Committee.
- f) Follow agreements for any other actions within the Rules, following simple majority vote.

ARTICLE 15. COMMITTEE

As per the original document of Rules.

ARTICLE 16. DURATION OF THE COMMITTEE

As per the original document of Rules.

ARTICLE 17. COMPETENCY OF THE COMMITTEE

As per the original document of Rules.

ARTICLE 18. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

As per the original document of Rules.

ARTICLE 19. THE CHAIRMAN

As per the original document of Rules.

ARTICLE 20. THE TREASURER

As per the original document of Rules.

ARTICLE 21. THE SECRETARY

As per the original document of Rules.

ARTICLE 22. AMOUNT OF MEMBERSHIP FEES

As per the original document of Rules.

ARTICLE 23. ACTIVITIES OF ARPO

As per the original document of Rules. (This will not include Members' 'social' activities).

ARTICLE 24. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PERIOD

As per the original document of Rules.

ARTICLE 25. ARPO BANK ACCOUNT

As per the original document of Rules.

ARTICLE 26. DISSOLUTION OF ARPO

As per the original document of Rules.

ARTICLE 27. WINDING UP PROCEDURE

As per the original document of Rules.

ARTICLE 28. RESOLUTION OF CONFLICTS

As per the original document of Rules.

APPENDIX 1.

PROCEDURE FOR ARPO MEMBERS VOTING

Definition of Member eligible to vote at an Annual General Meeting (AGM) or Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM):

Members must be fully paid up for the previous year by 31st January preceding the AGM held annually in February.

Definition of Member for voting at ordinary monthly meetings:

*Members should be present and paid up for the current year **before** the vote.*

Election of ARPO Committee at AGM in February:

At the monthly ARPO meeting in December, Members will be reminded that nominations for the Committee (Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer) will 'open' and 'close' during the January meeting. All nominations must be proposed and seconded from the floor. If, at the end of the January meeting, there are no nominations forthcoming then the incumbent Committee will then (providing they are willing to do so) be nominated and proposed at the AGM to serve another year. When a nomination(s) is made for a Committee post (proposed and seconded) at the January meeting, then the current Committee officer will need to be proposed and seconded for nomination if he/she wishes to also stand. In this case, voting will take place at the AGM in February to elect the new Committee.

Members will be notified by email or telephone call by the Secretary of the forthcoming election and those Members unable to attend the AGM will be requested to send their vote by email or other written communication, for the candidate of their choice, to the Secretary or other appointed person and these 'Proxy' votes will be produced as authorisation at the AGM vote.

(Any expenses that the Secretary incurs regarding telephone communication to Members regarding AGM voting, to be reimbursed by ARPO funds).

At the AGM if voting is required, two Members (both with equal seniority) will be appointed by the Secretary, who will administer the eligible Members List by crossing off those who request a ballot slip and who will then subsequently count the votes. The Secretary to oversee the count.

If voting is to take place for Chairman or Secretary, then the Vice Chairman and Assistant Secretary respectively will take the meeting until such point as a new Officer(s) is elected.

Should there be a draw for the candidates nominated for Chairman, the Vice Chairman has the casting vote. Should there be a draw for the candidates nominated for Secretary or Treasurer, the Chairman has the casting vote.

Unelected Officers:

The positions of Vice Chairman and Assistant Secretary will be appointed from any volunteers by the Committee.

To clarify Rule 15(e) of the ARPO Constitution: if a vacancy arises within the Committee during the time between AGM's, the Committee can appoint a Member (with their consent) to the vacant position to hold office until the next AGM, whereupon the above procedure will take place.